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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
TATSUO ITO, ET AL. : EXAMINER: RUST, ERIC A.  
SERIAL NO: 10/589,236 :  
FILED: AUGUST 14, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2625  
FOR: SYSTEM USING SERVICES, :  
IMAGE HANDLING APPARATUS,  
EXTERNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS,  
INFORMATION PROCESSING  
APPARATUS, AND STATE CHANGE  
SENDING METHOD

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

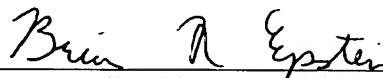
SIR:

In response to the Election Requirement stated in the Official Action dated August 21, 2009, Applicants in the above-identified application elect, without traverse, **Species II, corresponding to Claims 15-62.**

Examination on the merits of **Species II, corresponding to Claims 15-62**, is believed to be in order. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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